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# SEVENTH
# BIENNIAL REPORT
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# HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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# BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

# Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission

DECEMBER 1, 1916, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1918

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*To* Hon. J. Bryan Grimes, *Chairman,* Messrs. W. J. Peele, D. H. Hill, Thomas M. Pittman, *and* M. C. S. Noble, *Commissioners.*

Gentlemen:—I beg to submit a report of the work of the North Carolina Historical Commission for the years December 1, 1916-November 30, 1918.

## ORGANIZATION

On April 1, 1917, the terms of Messrs. D. H. Hill and W. J. Peele, commissioners, expired, and both were reappointed by the Governor for the term April 1, 1917-March 31, 1923.

At a meeting of the Historical Commission on April 25, 1917, J. Bryan Grimes was reëlected Chairman, R. D. W. Connor, Secretary, and W. S. Wilson, Legislative Reference Librarian for the term April 1, 1917-March 31, 1919.

### Office Force

During the period covered by this report the following persons were employed by the Commission:

R. D. W. Connor, Secretary, since December 1, 1916,
W. S. Wilson, Legislative Reference Librarian, since December 1, 1916,
F. A. Olds, Collector for the Hall of History, since December 1, 1916,
Mrs. J. M. Winfree, Restorer of Manuscripts, December 1, 1916-January 1, 1917; March 12, 1917-November 30, 1918,
Miss Marjory Terrell, stenographer, since December 1, 1916,
Mrs. W. S. West, file clerk, since December 1, 1916,
Miss Frances Wilson, stenographer, December 1, 1916-October 31, 1918,
Mrs. W. S. Wilson, stenographer, November 1, 1918-November 30, 1918,
T. H. Calvert, assistant to the Legislative Reference Librarian, January 2, 1917-March 7, 1917,
Mrs. Andrew Syme, for special clerical work, October 9, 1917-March 4, 1918,
Mrs. F. M. Stronach, for special clerical work, August 28, 1918-November 30, 1918,
William Birdsall, messenger, since December 1, 1916.

## CLASSIFICATION AND ARRANGEMENT OF COLLECTIONS

### EXECUTIVE PAPERS

The work of classifying and arranging the Executive Papers transferred from the Governor's office was completed through the administration of Governor Thomas M. Holt, January 18, 1893. All told 12,867 documents were filed in chronological arrangement.

### LEGISLATIVE PAPERS

Work was begun in filing the Legislative Papers transferred from the Capitol and completed for the years 1774-1790, and 1861-1865. The arrangement adopted is the order in which the papers were introduced into the Legislature, so that the student using them follows the procedure of the Legislature from day to day.

### HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPTS

The following collections of historical manuscripts were arranged and made ready for use:

Robert J. Miller Papers, 1799-1831,
Brevard Papers, 1789-1876,
L. O'B. Branch Papers, 1861-1862,
David S. Reid Papers, second series, 1850-1880,
Thomas Henderson Letter Book, 1810-1811.

Other additions that will be hereafter noticed were made to our collections which have not yet been finally arranged for use.

## REPAIR OF MANUSCRIPTS

The work of reinforcing, restoring, and mounting manuscripts for binding was continued. Twenty-six different collections were thus treated which contain 9,838 sheets, of which 5,181 were repaired, 2,217 reinforced by the crepeline process, 8,738 mounted, and 1,100 made ready for mounting.

### BINDING

The following collections were bound:

Clark Plantation Book, 1825-1861, in 1 volume,
Nathaniel Macon Papers, 1804-1837, in 1 volume,
W. H. S. Burgwyn Papers, 1861-1912, in 2 volumes
Thomas Pollock Letter Book, 1708-1761, in 1 volume,
D. S. Reid Papers, second series, 1850-1880, in 2 volumes,
Pettigrew Papers, 1772-1900, in 18 volumes,
Robert J. Miller Papers, 1799-1831, in 1 volume,
Minutes of the Commission on Constitutional Amendments, 1913, in 1 volume.

A total of 27 volumes, therefore, were bound during the period covered by this report.

The following volumes were prepared for binding and are now in the hands of the binder:

Shaw Papers, 1764-1861, in 1 volume,
L. O'B. Branch Papers, 1861-1862, in 1 volume,
John L. Cantwell Papers, 1856-1896, in 1 volume,
Brevard Papers, 1789-1867, in 2 volumes,
Proceedings of the Wilmington-New Hanover Committees of Safety, 1774-1776, in 1 volume,
Proceedings of the Court-Martial of Colonel Charles McDowell, 1782, in 1 volume,
Onslow County Records, in 2 volumes.

There were also bound typewritten copies of the following collections:

Hayes' Collection, 1748-1860,
Papers of William Polk, 1758-1834,
North Carolina Letters from the Emmett Collection, 1757-1847 (copies of originals in the New York Public Library),
North Carolina Letters from the Crittenden Papers, 1827-1863 (copies of originals in the Library of Congress),
North Carolina Letters from the Van Buren Papers, 1824-1858 (copies of originals in the Library of Congress),
Letters and Papers of Archibald D. Murphey, 1805-1852,
Minutes of St. Paul's Vestry (Edenton, N. C.), 1715-1800.

The following typewritten copies of 1,212 North Carolina items from colonial newspapers were bound:

South Carolina Gazette, 1731-1735, in 4 volumes,
South Carolina and American General Gazette, 1766-1780, in 1 volume,
City Gazette and Daily Advertiser, 1789-1794, in 1 volume,
State Gazette of South Carolina, 1785-1795, in 1 volume,
South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal, 1772; Gazette of the State of South Carolina, 1777-1785; Royal Gazette, 1781-1782; Charleston Morning Post, 1787, in 1 volume,
Virginia Gazette, 1771-1776, in 1 volume.

## INDEX TO REVOLUTIONARY ACCOUNTS

A card index was made to the names in the twelve volumes of North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts. This index, as soon as the cards are alphabetized, which is being done as rapidly as possible, will make these army accounts much more serviceable than they have been heretofore.

# ACCESSIONS

## ADDITIONS TO FORMER COLLECTIONS

To collections already begun the following additions were made:

Executive Papers.—Transferred from the governor's office, papers of Governors John Owen, W. A. Graham, Charles Manly, D. S. Reid, Z. B. Vance, W. W. Holden, Jonathan Worth, Tod R. Caldwell, and Curtis H. Brogden, embracing 2,790 pieces.

The following executive files of loose papers were also transferred from the Governor's office:

Z. B. Vance, 1877-1879,
Thomas J. Jarvis, 1879-1884,
Alfred M. Scales, 1885-1889,
Daniel G. Fowle, 1889-1891,
Thomas M. Holt, 1891-1893,
Elias Carr, 1893-1897,
Daniel L. Russell, 1897-1901,
Charles B. Aycock, 1901-1905,
Robert B. Glenn, 1905-1909,
William W. Kitchin, 1909-1913,
Locke Craig, 1913-1917.

From the same source the Commission received the Executive Letter Books of the following governors.

Richard Caswell, 1779-1786,
Thomas Burke, 1774-1782,*
Thomas Burke, 1781-1782,
Thomas Bragg, 1857-1858,
Tod R. Caldwell, 1870-1874,
Curtis H. Brogden, 1874-1877,
Thomas J. Jarvis (also Index Volume), 1879-1885,
Alfred M. Scales (also Index Volume), 1885-1889,
Daniel G. Fowle (also Index Volume), 1889-1891,
Thomas M. Holt (also Index Volume), 1891-1893,
Elias Carr (also Index Volume), 1893-1897,
Daniel L. Russell, 1897-1901,
Charles B. Aycock, 1901-1905,
Robert B. Glenn (also Index Volume), 1905-1909,
Journal of the Governor's Office, 1837-1841.

George E. Badger Papers.—Six pieces, embracing five letters written by George E. Badger, and one written to him by Gov. Edward B. Dudley.

W. H. S. Burgwyn Papers.—Three diaries of Lieut. W. H. S. Burgwyn, C. S. A., as follows:

(1) Diary from January 2, 1862-January 7, 1863,

*In this book are copied also some of Burke's private correspondence and part of his correspondence while a member of the Continental Congress.

(2) Diary from September 29, 1864-March 11, 1865. On the fly-leaf of this diary is the following note in Lieutenant Burgwyn's writing: "Bought while a prisoner of war at City Point, October 3rd, 1864, Price .50cts in Greenbacks,"

(3) Diary from March 29, 1863-January 7, 1864. Six pages of this book were used as a diary by a Union soldier, from August 29-December 12, 1864. It was found by Lieutenant Burgwyn on a battlefield in Virginia.

Thomas Burke Papers.—Private letter book of Thomas Burke, 1769 (a portion missing), presented by Walter Clark.

Braxton Bragg Papers.—Seven pieces, embracing two telegrams from Gen. Robert E. Lee, three letters from Gen. W. H. C. Whiting, and an address by General Bragg to his army from Headquarters of the 2d Corps, Army of the Mississippi, Corinth, Miss., May 3, 1862.

John Branch Papers.—One A. L. S. from John Branch to Richard Smith, July 29, 1830.

John H. Bryan Papers.—148 pieces, 1796-1862, presented by J. Bryan Grimes.

Richard Caswell Papers.—"A Petition of the Ministry, Vestrymen, and Church Wardens of St. John's Parish to the Justices of Baltimore County, Md., 1733." D. S. by Richard Caswell and others.

Thomas L. Clingman Papers.—One A. L. S. from Thomas Clingman to General Ruggles, February 6, 1868.

James C. Dobbin Papers.—Four A. L. S. of James C. Dobbin.

Fanning-McCulloh Papers.—One A. L. S. from Henry McCulloh to the Rt. Hon. Pelham, November 8, 1758. Enclosure: Observations in relation to the Officers Salaries Established and made payable from the chief rents in North Carolina.

John A. Gilmer Papers.—One A. L. S. of John A. Gilmer to D. H. Albright, Liberty, N. C.

William A. Graham Papers.—Two pieces.

Francis L. Hawks' Papers.—One A. L. S. of Francis L. Hawks to Rev. M. Smith, May 4, 1851.

D. H. Hill Papers.—Five pieces.

Robert Howe Papers.—One A. L. S. of Robert Howe to Governor Clinton, April 13, 1780.

Nathaniel Macon Papers.—Three Pieces.

David S. Reid Papers.—248 pieces, 1850-1880, presented by Miss Henrietta Reid, of Reidsville, N. C.

Jethro Sumner Papers.—Bond of Jethro Sumner to Abner Nash, June 5, 1780. D. S.

Z. B. Vance Papers.—Three pieces.

Waddell Papers.—Nine letters of Capt. James Iredell Waddell, commander of the Confederate Steamship "Shenandoah," presented by Guion W. Waddell, Mooresfield, N. C.

Hugh Williamson Papers.—One A. L. S. of Hugh Williamson to Samuel Johnson, March 2, 1787; one A. L. S. of Hugh Williamson to Richard Caswell, June 16, 1786.

## NEW COLLECTIONS

### CHARLES P. BOLLES LETTER BOOKS

Letter Books of Charles P. Bolles, Assistant, United States Coast Survey, four volumes, containing 648 letters, memoranda, notes, etc., relative to the coast survey from 1846-1855, presented by Mrs. Charles P. Bolles, Wilmington, N. C.

### BRITISH ARMY ACCOUNTS

Book of Accounts of a Highland Scotch Light Infantry Regiment in the British Army, 1776-1777, presented by J. McN. Patterson, Laurel Hill, N. C.

### WALTER CLARK PAPERS

A collection of the private correspondence of Chief Justice Walter Clark, embracing 1,199 pieces, presented by Walter Clark.

### HISTORY OF COMPANY C, TWENTY-SEVENTH REGIMENT, C. S. A.

History of Co. C, 27th Regiment, North Carolina State Troops, C. S. A., by George F. Whitford, Lieutenant-Colonel, 27th Regiment, in manuscript, presented by N. J. Rouse, Kinston, N. C.

### THOMAS POLLOCK DEVEREUX LETTER BOOK

A letter book containing copies of 101 letters written to his parents, by Thomas Pollock Devereux while in the Confederate States Army, 1863-1865, presented by Mrs. John W. Hinsdale, Raleigh, N. C.

### JOHN J. GUTHRIE PAPERS

This collection contains 17 manuscripts of Captain John Julius Guthrie, the last commander of the blockade-runner, Advance. Among them are three A. L. S. of Governor Vance, and also a list of the officers and crew of the Advance in February, 1864. Presented by Surgeon Joseph A. Guthrie, U. S. N., a son of Captain John Julius Guthrie.

### THOMAS HENDERSON LETTER BOOK

The letter book of Thomas Henderson, 1810-1811. Thomas Henderson was editor of the Raleigh Star, and this letter book contains the original manuscripts of the descriptions and accounts of the population, soil, products, etc., of the counties of North Carolina in 1810, written for publication in the Star. Presented by Walter Clark.

### HENRY BERRY LOWRY GANG

History of the Henry Berry Lowry Gang, by John C. Gorman, Adjutant-General of North Carolina, 1871-1876, in manuscript, 26 pages. Presented by Thomas M. Gorman, Durham, N. C.

### NORCOM PAPERS

This is a collection of about 300 letters and other documents of Dr. James Norcom, covering the period from 1805-1873. Presented by Miss Penelope Norcom, Hertford, N. C.

### POLK PAPERS

A large and as yet unclassified and unarranged collection of the papers of the Polk family of which President James K. Polk, Col. William H. Polk, and Gen. Leonidas Polk were members, which was presented by Tasker Polk, Warrenton, N. C.

### SHAW PAPERS

A large and miscellaneous collection of letters, business papers, memoranda, etc., many of which relate to the Scotch-Highland immigrants to North Carolina, presented by Henry E. Shaw, Kinston, N. C.

### JOHN M. WORTH PAPERS

These papers, 1862-1865, of John M. Worth, State Salt Commissioner near Wilmington, were presented by Charles W. Worth, Wilmington, N. C.

### JOHN LEWIS DIARY

"John Lewis' Day Book," 1777-1779, a small note book of John Lewis of Rutherford County, 26 pages. Presented by M. O. Dickerson.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE CAPE FEAR REGION

An account of the Cape Fear region, written by Hugh Meredith of Pennsylvania, who from 1727-1729 was a partner of Benjamin Franklin in the printing business. The account was published by Franklin in the Pennsylvania Gazette of April 29-May 6, 1831, No. 129 and May 6-May 13, 1731, No. 130. This typewritten copy was made and presented by the Pennsylvania Historical Society.

### SPANISH VOYAGE TO CAROLINA IN 1566

Typewritten copy in Spanish of the "Attestation of the Acts in regard to the appointment made by Pero (Pedro?) Menendez de Aviles, Captain-General of Florida and Adelantado of those provinces, of the people who went thither in command of the captain, Pedro de Coronas." An account of a voyage of a company of Spaniards to the country of the Indian, Don Luis, "a land (lying in the latitude) of thirty-six to thirty-nine degrees along the seacoast," *i.e.,* North Carolina and Virginia, in 1566. 30 pages. Original in the archives of the Indies at Seville. Sent to the North Carolina Historical Commission, by Dr. J. F. Jameson,

Director Bureau of Historical Research, Carnegie Institute, Washington, D. C., and translated into English for the Historical Commission by James A. Robertson.

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

This collection embraces 68 pieces, containing letters of:

Revolutionary officers: General Isaac Shelby, John Sevier, William R. Davie.
Confederate generals: Robert F. Hoke, W. H. C. Whiting, and Theophilus H. Holmes.
Governors of North Carolina: Richard Dobbs Speight, Alexander Martin, William R. Davie, Thomas Bragg, Samuel Ashe, John Owen, William Miller, Gabriel Holmes, Montfort Stokes, Alfred M. Scales.

MAPS

England, Wales, and Scotland by John Andrews, published by John Stockdale, London, 1811. 4:5 x 5:3. Presented by M. E. Thornton, Hickory, N. C.

Battle of Bethel, from a survey and drawing by Lieut. W. G. Lewis, published by W. M. B. Smith, Tarboro, presented by S. S. Nash, Tarboro, N. C.

CONFEDERATE RECORDS

Muster Roll of Co. D, R. J. Ashe, captain, 1st Regiment North Carolina Volunteers, C. S. A., D. H. Hill, colonel, from June 6, 1861, to March 13, 1861. Presented by E. Vernon Howell, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Muster Roll of Co. G, William F. Kelly, captain, 4th North Carolina Troops, C. S. A., George B. Anderson, colonel, from April 30, 1862, to June 30, 1862. Presented by A. Turner Grant, Mocksville.

Muster Roll of Co. E, John A. Teague, captain, 29th Regiment, North Carolina Troops, C. S. A., Robert B. Vance, colonel, from February 28, 1863, to April 30, 1863. Presented by Miss Georgia Hicks, Faison, N. C.

Muster Roll of Co. K, N. Z. Penland, lieutenant in command, 29th Regiment, North Carolina Troops, C. S. A., W. B. Creasman, colonel, from August 31, 1864, to October 31, 1864. Presented by Miss Georgia Hicks, Faison, N. C.

Muster Roll of Co. D, James S. Lane, captain, 40th Regiment, North Carolina Troops (Artillery), C. S. A., John J. Hedrick, colonel, from July 1, 1864, to August 31, 1864. Presented by Cape Fear Chapter, U. D. C., Wilmington, N. C.

Muster Roll of Co. D, James S. Lane, captain, 40th Regiment, North Carolina Troops (Artillery), C. S. A., John J. Hedrick, colonel, from September 1, 1864, to October 31, 1864. In duplicate. Presented by the Cape Fear Chapter, U. D. C., Wilmington, N. C.

Muster Roll of Co. G, George C. Buckan, captain, 40th Regiment, North Carolina Troops, C. S. A., John J. Hedrick, colonel, from April 30, 1864, to June 30, 1864. Presented by the Cape Fear Chapter, U. D. C., Wilmington, N. C.

Muster Roll of Co. K, Daniel J. Clark, captain, 40th Regiment (Artillery), North Carolina Troops, C. S. A., John J. Hedrick, colonel, from June 30, 1864, to August 31, 1864. In duplicate. Presented by Cape Fear Chapter, U. D. C., Wilmington, N. C.

Muster Roll of Co. K, Daniel J. Clark, captain, 40th Regiment (Artillery),

North Carolina Troops, C. S. A., John J. Hedrick, colonel, from August 31, 1864, to October 31, 1864. Presented by the Cape Fear Chapter, U. D. C., Wilmington, N. C.

Muster Roll of Co. K, Daniel J. Clark, captain, 40th Regiment, North Carolina Troops (Artillery), C. S. A., John J. Hedrick, colonel, October 31, 1864. Presented by the Cape Fear Chapter, U. D. C., Wilmington, N. C.

Muster Roll of Detachments from companies D, E, G, and K, 40th Regiment (Artillery), C. S. A., John J. Hedrick, colonel. No date. In triplicate. Presented by Cape Fear Chapter, U. D. C., Wilmington, N. C.

Muster Roll of Co. I, L. Harrell, captain, 56th Regiment, North Carolina Troops, C. S. A., Paul F. Faison, colonel, from May 1, 1862, to June 30, 1862. In triplicate. Presented by Mrs. J. H. Wood, Asheville, N. C.

Muster Roll of Co. I, L. Harrell, captain, 56th Regiment, North Carolina Troops, C. S. A., Paul F. Faison, colonel, from July 1, 1862, to August 31, 1862. Presented by Mrs. J. H. Wood, Asheville, N. C.

Muster Roll of Co. I, L. Harrell, captain, 56th Regiment, North Carolina Troops, C. S. A., Paul F. Faison, colonel, from October 31, 1862, to December 31, 1862. Presented by Mrs. J. H. Wood, Asheville, N. C.

Muster Roll of Co. I, L. Harrell, captain, 56th Regiment, North Carolina Troops, C. S. A., Paul F. Faison, colonel, from December 31, 1862, to February 28, 1863. Presented by Mrs. J. H. Wood, Asheville, N. C.

Muster Roll of Co. I, L. Harrell, captain, 56th Regiment, North Carolina Troops, C. S. A., Paul F. Faison, colonel, from February 28, 1863, to April 30, 1863. Presented by Mrs. J. H. Wood, Asheville, N. C.

Abstract K, 4th Quarter, 1864, Co. I, 40th Regiment, North Carolina Troops, requisition for clothing, December 31, 1864. Presented by Mrs. J. H. Wood, Asheville, N. C.

Muster Roll of Co. —, James W. Kirkpatrick, captain, attached to the 16th Regiment, North Carolina Troops, C. S. A., C. T. N. Davis, colonel.

Muster Roll of Co. —, No officers, units or dates. Contains 74 names. Enlisted 1861.

Descriptive book of Co. G, 3d Regiment (Infantry), North Carolina Troops, C. S. A., E. H. Rhodes, captain. Presented by Cape Fear Chapter, U. D. C., Wilmington, N. C.

### KIRK-HOLDEN WAR

Muster, Descriptive, and Pay Roll of Co. E, 2d Regiment, North Carolina State Troops, George W. Kirk, colonel, from June 22, 1870, to September 6, 1870. Presented by Guion W. Waddell, Mooresville, N. C.

### NEWSPAPERS

From Mrs. Florence Kidder, Wilmington, N. C., the Commission received the following collection of newspapers, numbering 35 bound volumes:

The Wilmington Review, 1875-1881,
The Wilmington Star, 1873-1881,
The Wilmington Journal, 1866-1876,
The Wilmington Post, 1868-1878,
North Carolina Standard, 1866-1870.

From Mr. Charles M. Chadbourn, Wilmington, N. C., the following three volumes of bound newspapers:

The Wilmington Journal, 1861-'62,
The Wilmington Journal, 1862-'63,
The Wilmington Journal, 1863-'65.

From Mr. D. C. Love, Wilmington, N. C., the following two volumes of newspapers:

The Wilmington Dispatch, 1866-'67,
Cape Fear, 1876.

From Mr. Marshall DeLancey Haywood, Raleigh, N. C., the following volume:

The Microcosm, Volume IV, No. 4 (June 26, 1841)—No. 46 (April 16, 1842). Published weekly at Raleigh, by Master Leonidas B. Lemay.

### COUNTY RECORDS

During the period covered by this report investigations have been conducted in the courthouses of 72 counties for the purpose of seeing what county records are on file and what condition they are in. Since few of the counties are prepared to take proper care of such records many of them have deposited with the Historical Commission such of their records as are not in current use. We have received the following:

Bertie County:
County Court Minutes, 1767-1801; 1803-1868.

Brunswick County:
County Court Minutes, 1782-1786; 1792-1797; 1801; 1803; 1805-1859; 1866-1868.

Burke County:
County Court Minutes, 1807; 1818-1834.

Camden County:
County Court Minutes, 1855-1868.
Orphans' Accounts, 1804-1808; part of this volume was used for recording United States Military orders, 1866-1868.

Carteret County:
County Court Minutes, 1764-1781.

Edgecombe County:
Inventories, etc., 1735-1745.
Sales and Inventories, 1748-1753.
Inventories and Accounts, 1765-1772.
Inventories and Accounts, 1792-1794.
County Court Minutes, 1748-1790.
Minute Docket, 1807-1824.

Gates County:
County Court Minutes, 1779-1841; 1850-1868.

Halifax County:
List of taxpayers and taxables, 1784-1829.
County Court Minute Docket, 1822-1824.
Complaint Book, 1783-1789.
Officers' Bonds (loose papers), 1820-1822.

Hyde County:
Original Wills, Books 1, 2, and 3.
Oath Form Book, 1750.
County Court Minutes, 1767; 1786-1787; 1791-1792; 1794; 1804; 1809-1811; 1815-1817; 1820-1821; 1826-1827; 1861.

Jones County:
County Court Minutes, 1816-1832.

Onslow County:
Trial Docket, 1798.
Appeal Docket, 1787-1790.
County Court Minutes, 1734-1737; 1741-1745; 1747-1749; 1751-1761; 1768; 1772-1868.

Perquimans County:
County Court Minutes, 1756-1769; 1784-1801.
Original Wills, 1744-1794.

Pitt County:
County Court Minutes, 1858-1868.

Rutherford County:
Wills, Book A, 1782-1791; Book B, 1791-1813; Book C, 1814-1822; Book D, 1822-1833; Book E, 1834-1868.
County Court Minutes, 1780-1810; 1813-1844; 1862-1868.
Guardian Accounts, 1840-1850.
Land Entries, 1787-1803; 1831-1849.

Tyrrell County:
Deeds, 1740-1779; 1782-1792; 1806-1816.
Court Prosecutions, 1763-1785.
Reference Docket, 1759-1761.
County Court Minutes, 1735-1811; 1819-1823; 1843-1849; 1865-1868.

Washington County:
Deed Book, 1800-1801.

Marriage Bonds were deposited with the Historical Commission from the following counties:

Bertie, Cabarrus, Carteret, Craven, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Guilford, Halifax, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Perquimans, Rutherford, Tyrrell, Warren, and Wilkes.

## PUBLICATIONS

The following publications were issued during the period covered by this report:

North Carolina Manual for 1917. Compiled and edited by R. D. W. Connor for the use of the members of the General Assembly of 1917. Cloth. 452 pages.

Bulletin No. 21. Sixth Biennial Report of the North Carolina Historical Commission, December 1, 1914-November 30, 1916. Paper. 26 pages.

Bulletin No. 22. Proceedings of the 17th Annual Session of the State Literary and Historical Association of North Carolina, at Raleigh, December 5-6, 1916. Paper. 95 pages.

Bulletin No. 23. Proceedings of the 18th Annual Session of the State Literary and Historical Association of North Carolina, at Raleigh, November 20-21, 1917. Paper. 133 pages.

Papers of Thomas Ruffin. Compiled and edited by J. G. deR. Hamilton. Volume I. Cloth. 541 pages.

## HISTORICAL MARKERS

The General Assembly of 1917 appropriated $2,500 for the year December 1, 1916-November 30, 1917, and $2,500 for the year December 1, 1917-November 30, 1918, to be used by the North Carolina Historical Commission to aid in marking historic sites and events in North Carolina. Under the act the Commission was authorized to appropriate not more than $100 for any one marker, the appropriation to be contingent upon a similar amount being raised by the County Commissioners or private citizens of any county in which a site to be marked is located. Sites to be marked were to be selected or approved by the Historical Commission. To facilitate the execution of this act the Historical Commission had prepared a striking design for such markers. Under the operation of the act appropriations were made to mark the following sites in North Carolina:

1. Virginia Dare Memorial Gateway.

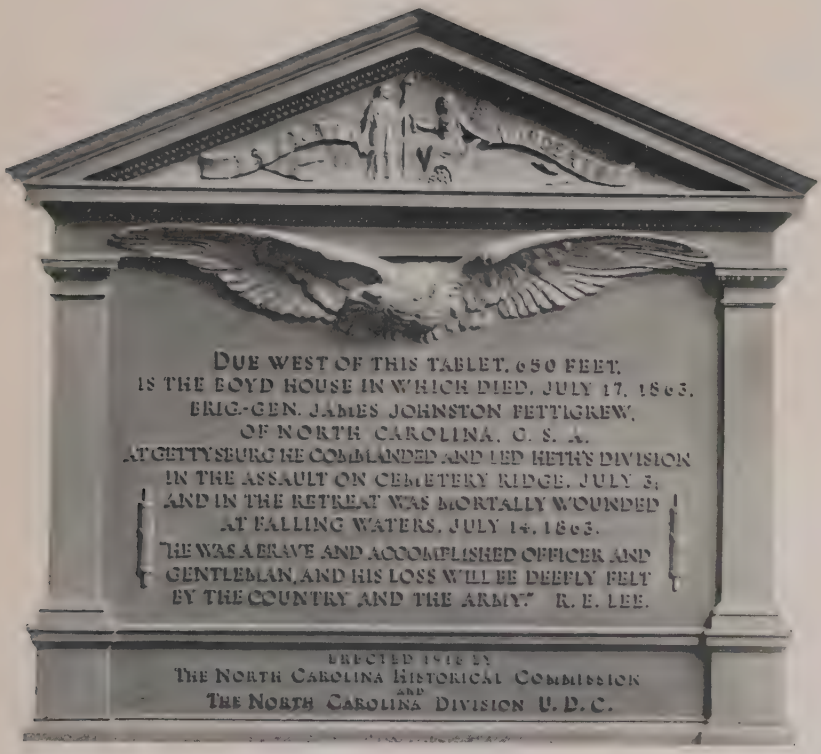
   This memorial to be a stone gateway, to be erected on Roanoke Island, on the site where the first colonists landed, on the eastern waterfront, in the vicinity of old Fort Raleigh. Raised by the Roanoke Island Colony Association, $189; appropriated by the North Carolina Historical Commission, $100.

2. Battle of Charlotte.

   A tablet placed in the street in the city of Charlotte through which was fought, September 26, 1780, the Battle of Charlotte, between the advance guard of the British army under Lord Cornwallis and the American cavalry forces under Colonel William R. Davie, and a company of volunteers under Captain Joseph Graham. For this marker the Battle of Charlotte Chapter, D. A. R., raised $235; the Historical Commission appropriated $100.

3. Battle of Sugar Creek.

   Marker erected on the spot where, during the Battle of Sugar Creek, between American and British forces, September 26, 1780, Captain Joseph Graham fell severely wounded. Appropriated by the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Chapter, D. A. R., $150, by the Historical Commission, $100.


DUE WEST OF THIS TABLET, 650 FEET,
IS THE BOYD HOUSE IN WHICH DIED, JULY 17, 1863,
BRIG.-GEN. JAMES JOHNSTON PETTIGREW,
OF NORTH CAROLINA, C. S. A.
AT GETTYSBURG HE COMMANDED AND LED HETH'S DIVISION
IN THE ASSAULT ON CEMETERY RIDGE, JULY 3;
AND IN THE RETREAT WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED
AT FALLING WATERS, JULY 14, 1863.
"HE WAS A BRAVE AND ACCOMPLISHED OFFICER AND
GENTLEMAN, AND HIS LOSS WILL BE DEEPLY FELT
BY THE COUNTRY AND THE ARMY." R. E. LEE.
ERECTED 1918 BY
THE NORTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
AND
THE NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION U. D. C.

One of the Tablets Erected Under the Provisions of Chapter 277, Public Laws of 1917.

4. Southwest Creek Battlefield.

A bronze tablet to mark the site where, March 8, 1865, was fought the battle of Southwest Creek near Kinston, between the Confederate forces under command of General Braxton Bragg and the Federal forces under command of Major General J. D. Cox. Appropriated by the A. M. Waddell Chapter, U. D. C., $100, by the Historical Commission, $100.

5. Bath Tablet.

A bronze tablet to be placed on the wall of St. Thomas Church, the oldest church in North Carolina, in commemoration of the incorporation of Bath, the first town in North Carolina, 1705. Appropriated by the Board of Commissioners of Beaufort County, $100, by the Historical Commission, $100.

6. Constitution House.

Bronze tablet to be erected on the walls of the house in Halifax in which met the Convention of 1776, which adopted the first constitution of the independent State of North Carolina. Raised by the Elizabeth Montford Ashe Chapter, D. A. R., $100, appropriated by the Historical Commission, $100.

7. Pisgah National Park.

Tablet to be placed at the entrance of Pisgah National Park, commemorating the facts in connection with the development of Pisgah Forest, the beginning of scientific forestry, and the taking over of the park by the United States Government. Contributed by a committee of the Southern Forestry Congress, $100, appropriated by the Historical Commission, $100.

8. Historic Sites in Salem:

1. Salem Concert Hall, in which was held the first Forsyth County Court.
2. Brothers' House Spring, from which the British army, under Lord Cornwallis, secured its water supply while in Salem in 1781.
3. Site of the Confederate States' Commissary Building.
4. First Family House, the residence of the community physician, in which were performed the first vaccinations for smallpox.
5. Tablet commemorating notable visits to Salem.

For these five tablets the Wachovia Historical Society appropriated $267, the North Carolina Historical Commission, $267.

9. Grave of Richard Caswell.

This marker is to be placed on the State Highway to call attention to the grave near-by of Richard Caswell, first Governor of North Carolina under the Constitution of 1776. Raised by private citizens of Kinston, $100, appropriated by the Historical Commission, $100.

10. Kiffin Rockwell Memorial.

Tablet in memory of Kiffin Rockwell, American aviator of Asheville, N. C., who, as corporal in the Foreign Legion in the service of France, was killed in action September 23, 1916, on the Alsatian front. Raised by Rockwell Memorial Committee, $1,000, appropriated by the Historical Commission, $100.

11. James McConnell Memorial.

Monument in memory of James McConnell, American aviator of Carthage, N. C., who, as sergeant in the Lafayette Escadrille in the service of France, was killed in action March 19, 1917, within the German lines, southeast of Jussy, near St. Quentin. Appropriated by the McConnell Memorial Association, $1,700, by the Historical Commission, $100.

12. Grave of William Lee Davidson.

Appropriated by the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Chapter, D. A. R., $100, by the Historical Commission, $100.

13. Historic sites on the Cape Fear.

1. Lord Cornwallis's Headquarters at Wilmington, 1781.
2. General W. H. C. Whiting's Headquarters at Wilmington, 1864-1865.
3. Site of the camp of the British garrison under Major James Craig, occupying Wilmington in 1781.
4. Site of the residence, in Wilmington, of William Hooper, signer of the Declaration of Independence.
5. Site of the residence of Arthur Dobbs, Governor of North Carolina, 1754-1765.
6. Site of the residence of William Tryon, Governor of North Carolina, 1765-1771.
7. Residence of Benjamin Smith, Governor of North Carolina, 1810-1811.
8. Residence of Edward B. Dudley, Governor of North Carolina, 1837-1840.
9. Grave of John Baptista Ashe, who was elected Governor of North Carolina in 1802, but died before qualifying.
10. Site of the residence of Cornelius Harnett, at Hilton.
11. Site of Confederate States Navy Yard.
12. Sugar Loaf Battlefield, where was fought in 1725 the last battle between the whites and the Indians on the Cape Fear.
13. Sites of Fort Lee, Fort Meares, Fort Strong.
14. Site of Fort Fisher.
15. Site of Fort Anderson.
16. Water-front of Old Brunswick, where in 1748, during King George's War, a force of Spaniards landed and attacked the town, but were repulsed.
17. Orton, the colonial residence of Roger Moore.
18. Kendall, the colonial plantation of George Moore.
19. Lilliput, the colonial plantation of Chief Justice Eleazer Allen, afterwards owned by Sir Thomas Frankland, great grandson of Oliver Cromwell.
20. Site of old Charleston, the first town on the Cape Fear, founded in 1664.

For these tablets the New Hanover County Historical Commission appropriated $500, the North Carolina Historical Commission, $500.

14. Boyd House.

Tablet marking the location of the Boyd House, in which died, July 17, 1863, Brigadier-General James Johnston Pettigrew, C. S. A. Appropriated by the North Carolina Division, U. D. C., $100, by the Historical Commission, $100.

15. Belle Grove House.

Tablet marking the location of the Belle Grove House, in which died, October 20, 1864. Major-General Stephen Dodson Ramseur, C. S. A. Appropriated by the North Carolina Division, U. D. C., $100, by the Historical Commission, $100.

16. Grave of Nathaniel Macon.

Tablet to mark the grave of Nathaniel Macon, Representative in Congress, 1791-1815, and Speaker of the House, 1801-1807; United States Senator, 1815-1828; President *pro tem.* of the Senate, 1826-1828; President of the Constitutional Convention of 1835. Appropriated by the Macon Community Club, $100, by the Historical Commission, $100.

17. Boone and Greene Tablet.

Tablet at Lexington (1) commemorating the residence of Daniel Boone in Davidson County, and (2) marking the route of retreat of the American army under General Nathanael Greene, 1781. Appropriated by the Board of Commissioners of Davidson County, $100, by the Historical Commission, $100.

18. Jonas Johnston.

Tablet to be erected in the courthouse at Tarboro in memory of Jonas Johnston, a soldier of the Revolution; delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1776; Representative in the General Assembly, 1777-1778. Appropriated by the Board of Commissioners of Edgecombe County and private citizens, $100, by the Historical Commission, $100.

19. Capitol of North Carolina.

Tablet commemorating the events in connection with the erection of the State Capitol, to be placed on its walls. Appropriated by the North Carolina Sons of the Revolution, $100, by the Historical Commission, $100.

20. Tuscarora Indian Town.

Tablet marking the site of the chief town of the Tuscarora Indians in Bertie County. Raised by private citizens, $25, appropriated by the Historical Commission, $25.

21. Grave of Squire and Sarah Boone.

Tablet to mark the graves of Squire and Sarah Boone, parents of Daniel Boone, in Joppa graveyard near Mocksville. Appropriated by the Board of Commissioners of Davie County, $100, by the North Carolina Historical Commission, $100.

It will be observed from this list of tablets that under the operation of the above mentioned act, by appropriating $2,492 the North Carolina Historical Commission secures the erection of tablets commemorating historic sites and events in our history which cost $7,858, of which amount $5,366 was appropriated by county commissioners, patriotic societies, and private individuals.

## WAR WITH GERMANY

### PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST

Soon after the declaration of war against Germany, the National Board for Historical Service organized and conducted in fifteen states in the Union contests for the best essays submitted by public school teachers on the subject "Why the United States is at War." North Carolina was one of the fifteen states selected. Prizes were offered as follows:

Group A. For teachers in public high schools, a first prize of $75, a second prize of $30, a third prize of $20, a fourth prize of $15, and a fifth prize of $10.

Group B. For teachers in public elementary schools, a first prize of $75, a second prize of $25, and five prizes of $10 each.

In North Carolina half the amount of the prizes was generously contributed by Gen. Julian S. Carr, the other half by the North Carolina Historical Commission. The contest excited considerable interest throughout the country, particularly in North Carolina, which State submitted a larger number of essays than any of the other fourteen states. The prizes were awarded as follows:

Group A. First prize: John P. Wynne, State High School, Atkinson.
Second prize: Mary Bobbitt Powell, High School, Roanoke Rapids.
Third prize: D. J. Walker, High School, Gibson.
Fourth prize: Nannie Hart, High School, Mooresville.
Fifth prize: Margaret Adeline Wright, High School, Rocky Mount.

Group B. First prize: Z. D. McWhorter, Wallace.
Second prize: Cordelia Camp, Chapel Hill.
Third prizes: Lelia M. Smith, Winton,
Mary Lee Utley, Pittsboro,
Meta Swain Liles, Speed,
Beulah Hedrick, Elizabeth City,
Norma Burwell, Rockingham.

## HISTORICAL WAR MATERIAL

The Historical Commission recognized, of course, at the beginning of the war the importance of undertaking to collect at once material bearing upon the part taken by North Carolina soldiers and civilians in the struggle. In coöperation, therefore, with the North Carolina Council of Defense, a special history committee was appointed consisting of the secretary of the Historical Commission as chairman, Messrs. Haywood Parker, Paul W. Schenck, George Gordon Battle, J. G. deR. Hamilton, Misses Adelaide Fries and Lida T. Rodman, to collect for permanent preservation the war records of the State. The term "war

records" is given the widest possible interpretation, so as to include all material that illustrates the state of mind of the people toward the war, the effect of the war on social, educational, economic, agricultural, political and religious conditions, and the personal achievements, sacrifices, and services of individuals. Efforts were made to secure the coöperation of such organizations as the State and County Councils of Defense, the State and County Fuel Administrations, the State and County Food Administrations, the American Red Cross, and other organizations engaged in other war work, by urging them to preserve carefully their records, and ultimately to deposit them with the Historical Commission. Efforts were also made to secure assistance in this work through the appointment in each county of a county historian for war purposes, but these efforts were not particularly successful. Persons were secured in sixty counties who promised to aid in the work, but only a few of them have been active.

The Collector for the Hall of History was instructed to devote special attention to the collection of all sorts of material bearing upon the war, and he has been particularly successful in the collection of war posters and photographs. An interesting group of war posters is made up of the original drawings of 43 different posters by Messrs. T. S. Davidson and Fred V. Owen, of North Carolina, at the Central Recruiting Station of the United States Army at Greensboro. Copies of these posters were displayed at all recruiting offices in the State. Efforts have also been made, with partial success, to secure letters from North Carolina soldiers whether in cantonments at home or in active service abroad. Such letters, or copies, have been secured from the following:

Brig.-Gen. L. F. Faison, 60th Infantry, 30th Division; Brig.-Gen. Lawrence D. Tyson; Brig.-Gen. George D. McIver; Col. Albert Cox, 113th Field Artillery (two letters); Lieut.-Col. J. M. Cullison, 26th Infantry; Maj. John G. Rens; Capt. W. F. Beattie, 6th U. S. Marines; Capt. John Hall Manning, 119th Infantry; Capt. L. D. Giddens, 119th Infantry; Capt. A. D. Budd, 10th Infantry; Capt. Robert Laird; Capt. Wiley C. Rodman; Lieut. Elliott D. Cooke, 55th Marines; Lieut. Albert H. Lange, 3d Cavalry; Lieut. H. Sprague Silver, 28th Infantry; Lieut. C. W. Cripps, 28th Infantry; Lieut. Frank L. Cline, 105th Engineer Train; Lieut. John F. Scott; Lieut. J. W. Young, Jr., 18th Infantry; Lieut. John H. Applebee, A. R. C.; Lieut. John E. Culnan, 49th Co., 5th Marine Corps; Lieut. Guy J. Winstead, 38th Infantry (30 letters); Lieut. W. H. Carter; Lieut. B. R. Lacy, Jr., Chaplain 113th Field Artillery (22 letters); Lieut. Wright B. Dixon; Lieut. Philip Woollcott, aviator (five letters); Lieut. Wm. B. Duncan, 113th Field Artillery; Lieut. Wilford Dudley Robbins, aviator; Lieut. James C. Wemyss, 18th Infantry; S. P. Stapp, Chaplain, 119th Infantry; Sergt. John D. Huffman, 105th Engineer Train; Sergt. Earl Johnson, 113th Field Artillery; Pvt. Lennox Johnson, 120th Infantry; Pvt. Thomas D. Lacy, 113th Field Artillery (15 letters); Pvt. Eugene Chisholm, 120th Infantry;

Corpl. Harvey MacNair, 119th Infantry; Pvt. Morris T. Matkins, 38th Infantry; Pvt. Melvin M. Deese, Coast Artillery; Pvt. Fred W. Landrum, 7th Infantry; Pvt. W. L. Trevathan, 23d Engineers; Pvt. Edward Mills, American Ambulance Service; Pvt. Joseph D. Boushall, aviator; Miss Lillian Holliday, nurse, A. R. C.

## HALL OF HISTORY

The Director of the Hall of History submits the following report:

### COUNTY RECORDS

The collections secured for the Hall of History during the past two years were notable both in number and variety. Much traveling was required, and every county in the State was visited in order to secure county and local records of a purely historical character and not in current use. It was found that fully half the counties have no records of historical value except those in current use, mainly because of destruction by fire or by carelessness in past years. In some cases moths and other pests, or exposure, have destroyed a vast number of documents. It was found that a surprisingly large number of courthouses have been burned, some counties having suffered as many as three fires. An inventory was made of records in the various courthouses, and much material was brought in, placed in the bins and insectified, then arranged in the filing room of the Historical Commission.

### CONFEDERATE RELICS

The largest collection of Confederate relics secured from one organization during the period is a deposit by the Cape Fear Chapter, U. D. C., of Wilmington, embracing about three hundred and forty objects. The collection had for many years been shown in a room in the Armory of the Wilmington Light Infantry, where it was seen by but few persons. Some of the objects are in poor condition but a large number have been placed on view in the Hall of History. There is a printed catalogue of the collection, furnished by the Cape Fear Chapter. Among the objects thus acquired is an oil portrait of Capt. J. F. S. Von Bokkelen, Gen. [illegible] H. C. Whiting's telegraph instrument, the Confederate secret telegraph code, in cipher, a number of articles of domestic use in North Carolina during the Civil War period, and this part has been specially grouped in a case. A notable part of the collection is a picture of a Confederate camp; engravings of the attack upon and defense of Fort Fisher; and a collection of photographs of Confederate officers from North Carolina. Gen. James I. Metts, commanding the North Carolina Confederate Veterans, gave invaluable aid in securing the collection.

### FLAGS

Flags of the following units were added to our collection; Forty-second Regiment, N. C. State Troops, brought from Appomattox by Major Brown of the regiment, deposited by Col. J. C. Bessent of Winston-Salem; the Confederate cruiser "Shenandoah," commanded by Capt. James Iredell Waddell, presented by Mr. Elliott Waddell, of Columbus, Ga., through his sisters, the Misses Waddell, of Asheville; Manly's Battery, C. S. A., of Raleigh, presented by Mrs. B. C. Manly, of Salisbury; Buncombe Riflemen, Asheville, 1861, by Fred A. Olds; Company K, 1st N. C. Regiment, U. S. Volunteers, War with Spain, 1898, presented by Capt. William R. Beavers, of Raleigh; Lexington Wildcats, 1861, presented by Mr. C. A. Hunt, Sr., of Lexington; Thirty-third Regiment, N. C. State Troops, C. S. A., captured by United States Troops at New Bern, 1862, presented by Mrs. Mary Ensign, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Cleveland Guards, of Shelby, 1861, presented by Shelby Chapter, U. D. C.; Headquarters flag, North Carolina National Guard Brigade, on the Mexican Border, 1916-1917, commanded by Gen. Lawrence W. Young, who presented this color to the Hall of History; French flag displayed on an American ambulance in France, deposited by Robert H. Bridgers, of Raleigh, who was in that service; the "Over the Top" flag awarded North Carolina in the third Liberty Loan drive; presented by Governor Bickett; flag of the Secretary of the Navy, deposited by Secretary Daniels; "Raines banner," awarded to the North Carolina U. D. C. by the National U. D. C., for the best Confederate historical work in 1917.

### COINS

Two collections; one from Mr. Patrick Matthew of Edenton, as a memorial to his late wife; the other by Mr. W. J. Lucas of New Bern; Mr. J. Harry White, of Graham contributing a North Carolina gold piece minted at Rutherfordton.

### MASONIC

Grand Master's jewel, apron and baldrick of Governor Richard Caswell, presented by Radiance Lodge, of Snow Hill.

### WAR OF THE REGULATION

Handbell used by the Regulators at the battle of the Alamance, May, 1771, presented by Rev. Dr. D. A. Long, of Graham.

### REVOLUTIONARY MATERIALS

Musket carried by a sergeant of the Royal Welch Fusileers, presented by Mr. J. T. Wyatt, of Faith, Rowan County; relics and documents, by Mr. M. O. Dickinson, of Rutherfordton.

DANIEL BOONE

A deed and other documents, presented by Mr. J. R. McCrary, of Lexington.

THE POLK FAMILY

Relics of President James Knox Polk and his brother, William H. Polk, U. S. Army, including the latter's chapeau and sword worn as envoy to the Court of Naples; his uniform as a United States dragoon officer; chapeau of Santa Anna, the noted Mexican General, captured by Major Polk's regiment; the flag of a Mexican artillery regiment, captured and presented to Major Polk by a brother officer; the arms of the Polk family, brooch, knee buckle, etc., all deposited by Major Polk's son, Mr. Tasker Polk, of Warrenton.

SWORDS

Major-General William H. C. Whiting, Colonel John J. Hedrick, Fortieth N. C. Regiment; Colonel Gaston Meares, Third N. C. Regiment; Major James Reilly, Fortieth Regiment; Captains James I. Metts, J. F. S. Van Bokkelen, and James W. Barnes of the Third N. C. Regiment—all of the Confederate service, and all from Cape Fear Chapter U. D. C., Captain Louis D. Wilson, U. S. A., in the War with Mexico, 1847, presented by Dr. Charles H. Barron, of Edgecombe County. Major Basil C. Manly, C. S. A., (first owned by Captain George B. Singletary), presented by Mrs. Manly, of Salisbury. Captain Otway Burns of the U. S. Privateer "Snapdragon," War of 1812; presented by W. J. Lucas of New Bern. Spanish Commander at Cavite, Philippine Islands, surrendered to Captain Coghlan of the U. S. Cruiser Raleigh, given by him to Dr. James Sprunt of Wilmington, and presented by the latter.

EARLY RAILWAYS

Much material about the first railways in North Carolina, including pictures, time-tables, etc., presented by the family of the late Treasurer W. W. Vass of the Seaboard Air Line, Raleigh.

CONFEDERATE SCHOOL BOOKS

A collection, mainly published in North Carolina, made by Mr. J. W. Thackston of Raleigh, and presented by Mrs. Thackston.

MEDALS

Bronze, issued by Congress in memory of Captain Johnston Blakely, U. S. Navy, War of 1812, for his victory in the Wasp over the Reindeer; bronze, by order of Congress, in honor of Cyrus W. Field, who laid the first working Atlantic cable, 1867; bronze, issued by the Columbian

Exposition to President A. B. Andrews of Raleigh, for the construction of the Western North Carolina Railway; silver, struck in honor of the dedication of the statue of Robert E. Lee at Richmond; both these being presented by the Andrews family.

### MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Horns of the band of the Thirty-third N. C. Regiment, C. S. A., together with hand-written music used by it, and a photograph of Bandsman O. J. Lehman of Bethania, N. C.

### OIL PORTRAITS

Oil portraits were secured of the following:

*George Burgwyn Anderson* (1831-1862); Brigadier-General, C. S. A.; died of a wound received at the battle of Sharpsburg (Antietam). Presented by Mrs. William E. Anderson. Painted by William Garl Browne.

*Henry Theodore Bahnson* (1845-1917); President of the North Carolina Medical Society. Presented by the North Carolina Medical Society.

*Bryan Grimes* (1793-1860), planter. Painted by William Garl Browne. Presented by J. Bryan Grimes.

*Mrs. Anne Horniblow*, signer of the pledge of the Edenton Tea Party. Presented by Miss Penelope Norcom.

*James Cathcart Johnston* (1782-1865), planter. Presented by Miss Sallie Dortch, grand-daughter of Thomas D. Hogg, to whom the portrait was presented by Mr. Johnston.

*James Norcom* (1778-1850); physician; Honorary Member of the North Carolina Medical Society. Presented by Miss Penelope Norcom.

*Mrs. James Norcom*, wife of Dr. James Norcom. Presented by Miss Penelope Norcom.

*William Dorsey Pender* (1834-1863); Major-General, C. S. A. Died of wound received at the battle of Gettysburg. Presented by Mrs. W. D. Pender.

*Richard Henry Whitehead* (1865-1916); physician; Dean of the School of Medicine, University of North Carolina, 1890-1905; Dean of the School of Medicine, University of Virginia, 1905-1916. Painted by Alpheus P. Cole. Presented by the North Carolina Medical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred A. Olds,
*Director, Hall of History.*

## LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY

### DEATH OF W. S. WILSON

On December 18, 1918, Mr. W. S. Wilson, Legislative Reference Librarian, died at his home in Raleigh. Although Mr. Wilson's death occurred subsequent to the period covered by this report, I cannot refrain from recording here the loss which the Historical Commission and the State has sustained in his death. He was the creator and organizer of the Legislative Reference Library, which was established by the General Assembly of 1915. In the brief space of three years he made his department not only indispensable to the General Assembly, but generally one of the most useful departments of the State government. His success was due to the fact that he carried into his office a sprit of service which he refused to permit to be deadened by the letter of the law. If he referred frequently to the law creating his department it was not for the purpose of finding therein restrictions upon his activities or excuses to plead against his being required to do this or that task, but for the purpose of finding authority for entering broader fields of activity, developing new lines of usefulness, and opening new doors of service, and such authority he never failed to find. Indefatigable in service, efficient in work, zealous in spirit, he came to be generally recognized as one of the State's most useful men, a citizen fully and faithfully performing the duties of citizenship.

### WORK OF THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY

The death of Mr. Wilson, before he could prepare a report of his work for the past two years, prevents any detailed account of the work of the Legislative Reference Library for that period. The chief feature of the work during this period was the services rendered to the General Assembly of 1917, the first session of the Legislature after the creation of the Library. These services fully justified the establishment of the Library. By furnishing information on a wide range of subjects, in the preparation of bills, and through advice to members of the General Assembly the Library greatly facilitated the work of the Legislature and won high commendation. Its success was due chiefly to the industry, wide knowledge and experience in legislative matters, unfailing courtesy, [illegible] helpfulness displayed by Mr. Wilson. In addition to this [illegible] Wilson pushed forward actively the work outlined in his [illegible] building up the library, arranging, and filing documents, [illegible] tabulating, and preparing for use information on possible subjects of legislation likely to come before the General Assembly of 1919. Mr. Wilson's activities were not confined to the duties imposed by law, but embraced services to the State, counties, cities and towns, and to organizations and individuals interested in the development of the State too numerous to mention.

## PUBLICATIONS

During the period covered by this report the Legislative Reference Library issued the following publications:

Amendments to Revisal of 1905, enacted by the General Assembly of North Carolina, 1917. Compiled by W. S. Wilson, Legislative Reference Librarian. 87 pages.

North Carolina Blue Book, 1918. Compiled and edited by W. S. Wilson, Legislative Reference Librarian. 310 pages.

Improvement and Care of Rural Cemeteries. By W. S. Wilson, Legislative Reference Librarian. 13 pages.

Official Vote for United States Senator, members Corporation Commission, Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Superior Court, Congressmen, Solicitors, and Constitutional Amendments cast at November election, 1918, and List of Members of the General Assembly. Compiled by W. S. Wilson, Legislative Reference Library. 39 pages.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. W. Connor,

*Secretary.*

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